

WILLIAMS WILL SETTLE QUESTION

Upon Ruling of Attorney-General Depends Penitentiary Investigation.

LEGAL POINT IS INVOLVED

Dr. Carrington Insists on Power of Charities Board to Take Action.

Upon the decision of Attorney-General Williams as to whether or not the investigation of the State Penitentiary asked for by Dr. Charles V. Carrington is such an investigation as is authorized by law, rests the settlement of the affair. The Governor has asked Judge Williams for a ruling.

Dr. Carrington has been most persistent in urging the State Board of Charities to take up the matter and make a thorough investigation of the statement made by the board of directors when it elected Dr. Herbert Mann to succeed him, to the effect that conditions at the prison demanded a change. Chairman George H. Denney of the board, replied to Dr. Carrington, doubting the legality of an investigation of any such charge. But the latter has repeatedly asked that action be taken, arguing that the charities board has ample power.

The act constituting the State Board of Charities and Corrections provides: "Whenever the Governor considers it proper or necessary to investigate the management of any institution receiving aid from the State and required to be inspected under the provisions of this act, he may direct the Board of Charities and Corrections, or a committee thereof, to make such investigation as he may desire."

This is taken to refer to accusations against the superintendent, or more especially against the directors of an institution, it being argued that Dr. Carrington was not responsible in any way for the management of the penitentiary, and that therefore his actions are subjected to investigation only by those directors.

Doubt Legal Authority.

It is understood that members of the charities board do not feel they should go into an investigation of another board without instructions from the Governor, nor that they have any legal right to do so.

No action will be taken looking to a meeting of the Board of Charities until the Attorney-General renders his opinion. His judgment may be taken, it is generally believed, to be conclusive of the point. Should he rule that the Governor has a right to order an investigation under the circumstances, it will be held. Should he decide to the contrary it is safe to say that no action will be taken prior to the next meeting of the Legislature, which has been asked by the directors themselves to investigate the institution, in view of Dr. Carrington's charges.

GERMAN ELECTION RESULTS

Members of Legislature From Alsace-Lorraine Under New Constitution.

Strasbourg, Germany, October 24.—Complete returns from Sunday's elections for members of the lower house, as provided under the new Constitution granted Alsace-Lorraine, show the following results: Twenty clericals, five Socialists, five Lorraine "Bloc" and two Liberals.

In the other twenty-eight districts out of the total of sixty a rebalot will be required. The Socialists and Liberals combined are expected to win a majority in the second balloting.

Immediate Effect of Great Kidney Remedy is Soon Realized

In March, 1905, I was troubled with severe pains in my back and left side, but didn't think it was anything serious until last September. I got so bad that I was obliged to seek medical aid. It seemed as if I was suffering almost a living death with hard straining and burning pains after each call, and I would have from five to six calls during the night. I had almost given up to die, when I happened to think of trying Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. My husband bought me a bottle and I began to improve from the first dose. When I had taken two bottles I was completely cured.

Yours very truly,
R. F. D. No. 3,
State of North Carolina, Sampson county—
Mrs. B. B. Hall.

Mrs. B. B. Hall, after being duly sworn, deposes and says that the above testimony is true to her best knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 16th day of July, 1909.

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DOES NOT APPROVE LONG ENLISTMENT

President Opposes Hay Bill, Which Would Require Five-Year Terms.

Local military men have learned with interest that President Taft, in a published letter, has expressed his disapproval of the Hay army bill now before Congress, to be acted on at the coming session. His utterances are taken to mean that he will veto the measure if it is passed in its present form.

Congressman James Hay, of Virginia, who is chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, has proposed a bill which provides for a term of enlistment in the regular army of five years instead of three. He figures that probably \$1,000,000 a year will thus be saved to the government. In that increased pay for re-enlistments would come less frequently, and travel pay between terms of duty would also be decreased.

The President admits these points, but takes the position that this million will come from the pockets of the soldiers. To a man who serves thirty years, the loss would be considerable, amounting to an average reduction in his pay from seventy-three to sixty-seven cents per day.

Militiamen are interested because of the probability that a five-year term of enlistment for the National Guard would almost inevitably follow such a regulation in the army. The Taft argument, however, would not apply except as it will perhaps prevent the increased term. Local officers are disgraced on the wisdom of five-year enlistments.

DR. HARRIS KIRK MADE MODERATOR

Presbyterian Synod of Virginia Begins Its 123rd Annual Session.

MEETS AT WINCHESTER

Opening Sermon by Dr. Russell Cecil—Attendance Is Large.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Winchester, Va., October 24.—The Presbyterian Synod of Virginia began its one hundred and twenty-third annual session here to-night. Dr. Russell Cecil, of Richmond, the retiring moderator, preached the opening sermon. One hundred and eight preachers and sixty-seven elders were present. Dr. Harris Kirk, of Baltimore, was elected moderator.

Dr. Cecil's subject was "The Ministry of Reconciliation," and his text was from 2 Corinthians v. 18-19. It was a profound and thoughtful discourse, and was listened to with great interest.

This is the first session of the Presbyterian Synod of Virginia to be held in Winchester in twenty-two years. The synod embraces the States of Virginia, Eastern West Virginia, Southern Maryland, several churches in the city of Baltimore, and the District of Columbia, including Washington.

The meeting will last until Saturday, and many of the ministers will remain in Winchester over Sunday and occupy the pulpits of other churches. In addition to a vast deal of routine business to be transacted, the synod will consider other matters of importance to the church.

The foreign mission work will be presented by Rev. E. W. Smith, D. D., formerly of Louisville, Ky., but now of Nashville, Tenn.; the cause of education by Rev. Henry M. Sweets, D. D., of Nashville, and the Bible cause by Rev. M. B. Porter, of Richmond. Other distinguished clergymen from various sections of the South will be here to address the meetings of the synod.

Occupies Unique Position.

Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., the moderator of the synod, occupies a position in the church to-day which has probably never been held by any other man. In the Presbyterian Church there are four grades of courts—the church session, the presbytery, the synod, and the general assembly. Dr. Cecil, when he opened the meeting of the synod, was the moderator of one of the courts in each of these four grades.

By virtue of his office as pastor, he is the moderator of the session of the Second Presbyterian Church in this city. Last month, when East Hanover Presbytery met in Blackstone, he elected Dr. Cecil to preside over its deliberations, and he will hold that office until next April. A year ago the Synod of Virginia, meeting in Charlottesville, conferred upon him the honor, which he to-night handed over to his successor. Last May the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church met in Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Cecil was called upon to accept the highest honor in the gift of this church, when he was made its moderator.

There are some interesting points connected with the positions held by Dr. Cecil. His church is the strongest in the presbytery and synod, and one of the strongest in the whole assembly. East Hanover is the oldest in the Southern church, as the synod of Virginia is the oldest and the strongest synod in the church. The General Assembly is the highest court

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Model Presiding Officer.

Dr. Cecil makes a model presiding officer. Kind, courteous and considerate of all, he is fair and impartial in his rulings. He is well posted in the business and the law of the church. He is level-headed, cool and deliberate in his judgment. His decisions are rarely ever appealed from. He conducts the business of the court with dispatch and without friction. Any court would be fortunate to have such a man to preside over it.

Presbyterian Stronghold.

The city of Winchester has been a Presbyterian stronghold for many generations. It was incorporated as a town in 1752, and at that time there was a strong element of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians among its inhabitants. Their church membership was then at Opequon, about three miles away. From about 1779 there was regular preaching in the town by the pastor of that church. In 1800 the church was organized in Winchester. Its first pastor was Rev. William Hill, D. D., and he held this position for thirty-four years.

In 1826, owing to dissensions, the church was divided, but in 1832 was reunited. This reunion was the result of a revival in the churches following the meeting of the Synod of Virginia in 1820.

Again in 1838 there was a division of this church in connection with the great disruption that divided the Presbyterian Church of this country into the old and new school branches. Rev. Moses H. Hunter was the first

pastor of the new school branch, and was succeeded in 1842 by Rev. A. H. H. Boyd, D. D., who filled the pastorate until 1865.

Separate Existence.

Although the old and new school branches of the church were reunited shortly after the close of the war, these two congregations continued their separate existence for many years longer. Dr. Boyd was succeeded by Rev. George L. Leyburn, D. D., from 1867 to 1875, when he went to Greece as a missionary. He in turn was succeeded by Rev. H. M. White, D. D., who was pastor from 1875 to 1899.

Of the old school branch, Rev. William M. Atkinson, D. D., was pastor from 1839 to 1847. He was followed by Rev. Beverly T. Lacy, D. D., who was pastor until 1851. Dr. Lacy was later well known as the famous Confederate chaplain. In 1851 Rev. J. R. Graham, D. D., was installed pastor. This was Dr. Graham's first and only pastorate. He held the office of pastor of what was known as the Kent Street Church until it and the other church, known as the Loudoun Street Church, were reunited, after a separate existence of sixty-one years. He was then made pastor emeritus of the united church, which position he still holds. Rev. Julian S. Sibbey was called to the active pastorate. He resigned in 1904, and the next year the present pastor, Rev. J. Horace Lacy, D. D., was called and began his ministry, which has been most successful.

Baskett—Mann.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fork Union, Va., October 24.—Miss Beanie Mann, daughter of John Mann, of Richmond, and Alonzo Baskett, of Hanover,

were quietly married here on yesterday at the home of the bride's brother, James F. S. Mann. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. L. Shumate, of the Fork Union Academy faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Baskett will make their future home near Richmond.

WILL MEET AT WILLIAMSBURG.

Synodical Union of Virginia Convenes Next Week.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Williamsburg, Va., October 24.—The seventh annual meeting of the Synodical Union of Virginia will be held in the Williamsburg Female Institute here October 31 and November 1 and 2. The opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. E. T. Wellford, D. D., of Newport News, October 31, at 8 P. M. Wednesday and Thursday mornings will be devoted to the business of the union. Wednesday afternoon will be devoted to young women's work, in which the young women of the institute will take part. Miss Sally McCormick, secretary of the young people's work for the synod, will preside, and an interesting program has been arranged. Mr. Vickary, of the Missionary Education Movement; the Rev. D. Clay Lilly, D. D., and the Rev. Craig Patterson, of Korea, will be among the speakers.

A force of men was put at work this morning on repairs to the main building of the Williamsburg Reformatory, preparatory to the resumption of business.

Ashland News Notes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Ashland, Va., October 24.—Albert S. Tanner, of Richmond, was here Monday. Mrs. Leigh Page, of Richmond, is the guest of Miss Anna B. Vaden. Mrs. A. C. Wightman left Monday night for a visit to Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Saunders have returned from an extended Northern trip. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were married in Waverly last week.

Mrs. Harry Smith, of "Horn Quarter," was the recent guest of friends here. S. Carter Weisiger has returned from a business trip to North Carolina. Mrs. Leonard Delarue and Miss Mildred Delarue visited relatives in Richmond during the past week.

Mrs. Stuart Blanton is visiting relatives in Richmond.

R. H. Goolbsy, of Richmond, was here Sunday visiting friends.

IMPORTANT CHANGES.

British Cabinet Undergoes Reconstruction.

London, October 24.—The British Cabinet has undergone an important reconstruction. Winston, Spencer Churchill, Home Secretary, becomes First Lord of the Admiralty, while Reginald McKenna lays down the admiralty portfolio to assume the Home Secretaryship. Earl Carrington, president of the Board of Agriculture, becomes Lord of Privy Seal. C. E. Hobhouse, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is appointed Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. W. Runciman retires from the presidency of the Board of Education to become president of the Board of Agriculture, while the presidency of the Board of Education has been assumed by J. A. Pease, former Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Sir Edward Strachey, Parliament secretary of the Board of Agriculture, and the Right Honorable Alfred Emmott, M. P., for Oldham, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, have been promoted to the peerage.

EXPERTS DISCUSS LIQUOR TRAFFIC

National Municipal League to Deal With Many Problems at Local Meeting.

EXPECT BIG ATTENDANCE

Secretary Woodruff at Work on Program for Convention Next Month.

Secretary Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of the National Municipal League, has received letters from several hundred civic experts and publicists of the country, stating that they will attend the seventeenth annual convention of the league, which will be held in Richmond, November 13-15.

"This meeting will be of particular interest," said Secretary Woodruff, "because of the special reports to be received from the various committees appointed to investigate certain new phases of the municipal problem which attained prominence within the year. For instance, among the questions to be considered will be the employment of technical experts on municipal work, civic instruction in the schools and colleges, the relation of the social city, and of the liquor traffic to municipal administration."

In addition to these questions, character-making, commission government, electoral reform, franchise legislation, excess condemnation, civil reform, the work of civic secretaries, and all other branches of municipal government will be discussed. President William Dudley Foulke, who probably will be re-elected, will deliver an address on "Efficient Municipal Government," and the annual review of the secretary will deal with the net results of the tremendous strides in municipal affairs in the preceding twelve months.

Since the last meeting in Buffalo, the active membership of the National Municipal League, which is the oldest organization of its kind, has grown to 2,500, representing every State in the Union. In addition, there is an affiliated membership of 185,000 composed of the members of the various local organizations identified with the league.

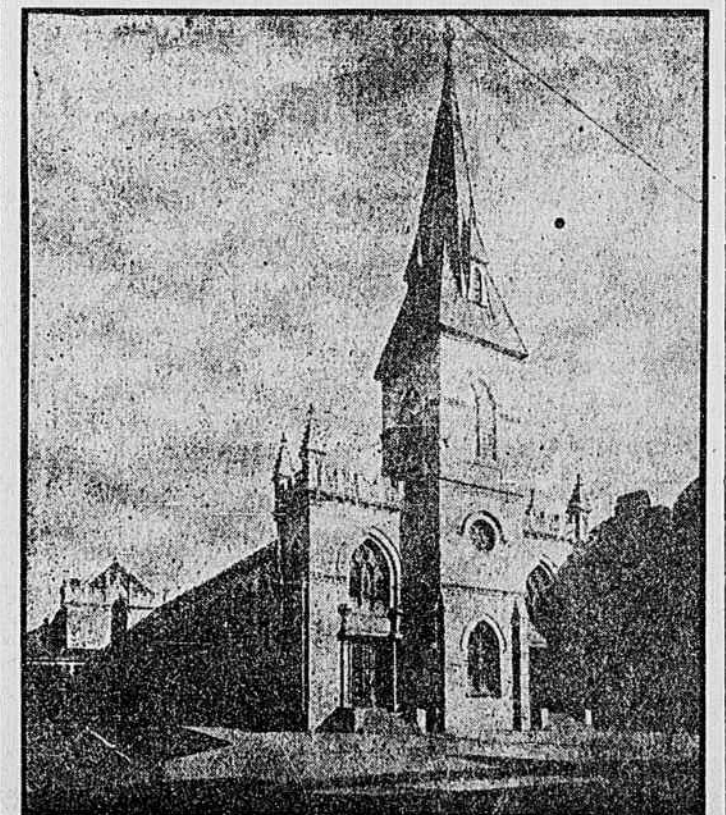
In the Richmond meeting, plans will be carefully discussed for the extension of the league's work, which is conducted by educational methods.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

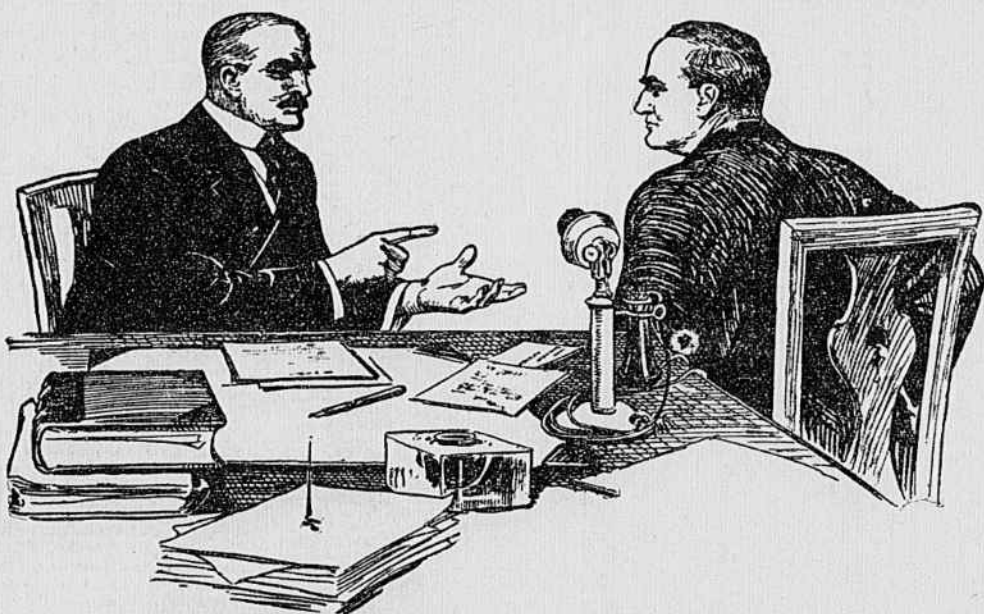
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